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FIVE KILLED AFTER REBEL RAID ON COLOMBIAN TOWN

(Eds: Updates throughout, confirmed deaths)

BOGOTA, Nov 18, Reuter - Five people died when 150 leftist guerrillas and 35 policemen fought a six-hour battle in a town in northwest Colombia today, police said.

They said two rebels, two civilians and one policeman died after a joint column of the M-19 group and the Popular Liberation Army (EPL) attacked the police station in Urrao, Antioquia province, and tried to set it on fire.

Army reinforcements tonight took control of Urrao, an agricultural and mining town of 30,000, 100 miles west of the provincial capital of Medellin.

The rebel attack signalled the return to armed struggle of EPL, a minor group which signed a truce with the government last year.

It was also M-19's first attack since its takeover of Bogota's palace of justice 10 days ago. Ninety-seven people died, including 11 supreme court judges, in the 27-hour siege and ensuing storming of the building by the army.

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